**Law Commission's reports on custodial deaths**

740. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Law Commission headed by Mr. Justice K. N. Singh had submitted a report on custodial deaths in the past;

(b) if so, when;

(c) what were its recommendations;

(d) whether any recommendations were accepted by Government; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government are planning to publish this report, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARADWAJ): (a) and (b) The 13th Law Commission headed by Mr. Justice K.N. Singh had submitted the 162nd report on "Custodial Crimes" on August 26, 1994.

(c) The report contains recommendations for amendment of substantive and procedural laws, including amendment of some of the provisions of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, The Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and the Evidence Act, 1872.

(d) and (e) Steps have been taken to prepare the Hindi version of the report. The report will be published and the recommendations of the Commission examined after the same is placed before both Houses of Parliament.

**Law Commission**

741. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of members in the present Law Commission, what are their names and the period for which they have been appointed; and

(b) by when the Commission is expected to bring out its first report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) There are three members in the present Law Commission. Their names and the periods for which they have been appointed are as follows:

| Name of Member | Period of appointment |
|---|---|
| 1 Shri Justice R.L. Gupta | 29-11-1994 to 31-8-1997 |
| 2 Shri Ch. G. Krishnamurthy | 29-11-1994 to 31-8-1997 |
| 3 Prof (Mrs) Alice Jacob | 19-12-1994 to 31-8-1997 |

(b) It is difficult to specify any time limit in this regard.

**Strength of Judges**

742. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any criteria has been laid down in determining the strength of Judges in a High Court;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government will consider granting extension in services of the Judges in consideration to the pending matters before the High Courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) It has been decided that for the purposes of determining the Judge strength of the High Courts, the average institution and the pendency of main cases during the last 5 years may be considered by taking into account the national average or the average of disposal per Judge in that High Court whichever is higher. If the disposal per Judge in this concerned High Court is below even the national average then instead of increasing the strength, the concerned High Court may take steps for improvement in the rate of disposal of cases. If the average disposal of the concerned High Court is above the national average then increase in Judge strength may accordingly be considered. The strength of the Additional Judges be reviewed only if, there is an increase in the arrears of the pending cases during the last 5 years and the disposal per Judge is above the national average.

(c) There is no proposal to grant extension to High Court Judges for disposal of pending matters. The emphasis is on fliling up of vacant posts and increasing the strength of Judges, if necessary.

**Office of Registrar of companies in Delhi and Haryana**

**743. DR. RANDIR SINGH:**

**SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:**

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Offices of Registrar of Companies (ROCs) in the country, particularly in Delhi and Haryana;

(b) what is the strength of the employees who have been employed in offices of Registrar of Companies and also comparative figures of Staff in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras;

(c) what is the total area in square feet that has been allotted to these offices, especifically in Delhi and Haryana, the number of Companies in the year of allotment of said areas and the present number of companies registered under the Rules with the Registrar of Companies in Delhi and Haryana and the strength of staff in 1978-79, till date;

(d) whether ROCs is a Service Department or a Revenue Department; and

(e) what is the number of posts lying vacant in the offices of ROCs and by when these are likely to be filled up by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE, AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The total number of Offices of ROCs in the contry is 19 including one ROC office for both Delhi and Haryana.

(b) As per Statement (See below)

(c) As per Statement—II and Statement—III (See below)

(d) Office of ROC is basically a Service Department but in the process it also earns revenue.

(e) As per Statement-I (See below).

The process for filling up vacant posts in the offices of ROCs is going on and these are likely to be filled up by the Government shortly.